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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

36 August 9, 2016

*Lori Glasgow*  
LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RE: Request for Consolidation with the November 8, 2016, Statewide General Election

Dear Ms. Glasgow:

This letter is to inform you that formal action was taken by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its July 25, 2016, Special Meeting to add one measure contest to the previously called November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election to submit to the voters a measure relating to the sale of the Bellflower Municipal Water System to California-American Water Company and request consolidation of this additional ballot measure with the County's November 8, 2016, Statewide General Election. A certified copy of Resolution No. 16-49 formally requesting consolidation of the additional measure with the County's November 8, 2016, Statewide General Election is enclosed. We respectfully ask that consideration of our request be placed on the Board's agenda as soon as possible.

Certified copies of the election-related resolutions formalizing the City Council's actions are also being provided to Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean C. Logan under separate cover.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Bellflower City Hall, telephone no. (562) 804-1424, extension 2222, or via e-mail at [mochiqui@bellflower.org](mailto:mochiqui@bellflower.org).

As always, thank you for your help and cooperation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mayra Ochiqui, CMC  
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (without Enclosure)

> Dan Koops  
Mayor

Ron Schnablegger  
Mayor Pro Tem

Ray Dunton  
Council Member

Scott A. Larsen  
Council Member

Sonny R. Santa Ines  
Council Member

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-49**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ADD A MEASURE CONTEST TO THE PREVIOUSLY CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 10403**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council finds as follows:

A. The City Council called a special municipal election for the purpose of considering a ballot measure and obtained consent from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate such election to be held with the Statewide General Election on November 8, 2016.

B. The City Council now desires to add a measure contest to the previously called and consolidated special municipal election to be held on November 8, 2016.

**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to the requirements of California Elections Code section 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of an additional measure contest on the ballot for the special municipal election consolidated with the statewide general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

**SECTION 3.** A measure is to appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the proposition by the City of Bellflower to sell the Bellflower Municipal Water System to California-American Water Company be adopted?	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

**SECTION 4.** The complete text of the proposed ballot measure to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A, Full Text of the Ballot Measure (Resolution No. 16-47).

**SECTION 5.** The vote requirement for the proposed ballot measure to pass is a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.

**SECTION 6.** The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns of the special municipal election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election.

**SECTION 7.** The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

**SECTION 8.** The City of Bellflower recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.


**SECTION 9.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County election department of the County of Los Angeles.

**SECTION 10.** The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; enter the same in the book of original Resolutions; and make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

**SECTION 11.** The Mayor, or presiding officer, is authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bellflower, and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

**SECTION 12.** This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

  
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Dan Koops, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

Attachment:

Exhibit A – Full Text of the Ballot Measure (Resolution No. 16-47)

**EXHIBIT A**

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-47**

**A RESOLUTION ADDING A PROPOSITION TO THE BALLOT FOR THE PREVIOUSLY CALLED NOVEMBER 8, 2016, SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 9222, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A QUESTION RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM TO CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE § 10061**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Pursuant to Elections Code § 9222, the City Council places a proposition on the ballot for the special municipal election scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016, as previously established and implemented by City Council Resolution Nos. 15-79, 15-80, and 15-81 adopted on October 12, 2015.

**SECTION 2.** A copy of the proposition to be considered by the voters is attached as Exhibit "A," and incorporated by reference, and is approved by the City Council through adoption of this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** Pursuant to Elections Code §§ 9222 and 13119, the exact form of the question to be voted on at the election as it should appear on the ballot is as follows:


Shall the proposition by the City of Bellflower to sell the Bellflower Municipal Water System to California-American Water Company be adopted?	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original Resolutions; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

**SECTION 5.** The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bellflower, and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

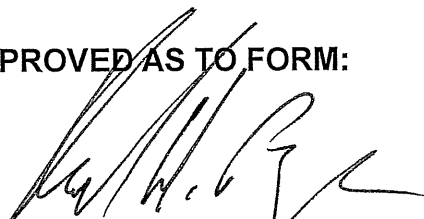
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CITY OF BELLFLOWER ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

  
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Dan Koops, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

Attachment:

Exhibit A – Full Text of the Ballot Measure

**EXHIBIT A  
FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE**

**A PROPOSITION TO SELL THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL WATER  
SYSTEM TO CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE § 10061**

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 10061, the Bellflower City Council proposes to sell the Bellflower Municipal Water System ("MWS") to:

California-American Water Company ("Company")

This proposition is based upon the written proposal submitted by Company on June 7, 2016, that the City Council considered at a public hearing held on July 25, 2016.

Following the public hearing on July 25, 2016, the City Council finds that Company is best qualified to continue to provide equal or better water service to MWS customers on just and reasonable terms that do not discriminate against MWS customers. This finding is based upon the entirety of the administrative record including, without limitation, the following:

1. Company agrees that it will not raise water rates for existing MWS customers for a period from transaction close through December 31, 2020;
2. Company will provide equal or better customer service than the City and its contractor currently provides through the MWS;
3. Upon voter approval and close of transaction, Company will provide annual Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") to City for purposes of coordination and general community knowledge of water operations; and
4. Company will work with Bellflower Somerset Mutual Water Company before, during, and after the transaction to ensure the highest quality water delivery services to customers of the MWS.

Selling the MWS is also in the public interest as it will provide revenue to fund important public projects without the need for additional taxes or financing. Specifically, Company will purchase the MWS for \$17,000,000.00, subject to approval by the California Public Utilities Commission. The City Council anticipates that, after paying for all debt associated with the MWS, it will be able to utilize approximately \$8,800,000.00 to fund various public projects.


Accordingly, the City Council orders that the issue regarding sale of the MWS be submitted to the City of Bellflower's qualified voters at the previously called November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA       )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   ) SS  
CITY OF BELLFLOWER       )

I, **Mayra Ochiqui**, City Clerk of the City of Bellflower, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution No. 16-49 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Special Meeting of July 25, 2016, by the following vote to wit:

**AYES:** Council Members – Garza, Santa Ines, Schnablegger, Dunton,  
and Mayor Koops


**Dated:** July 26, 2016

  
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**Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk**  
**City of Bellflower**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA       )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   ) SS  
CITY OF BELLFLOWER       )

I, **Mayra Ochiqui**, City Clerk of the City of Bellflower, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 16-49 adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Special Meeting of the Bellflower City Council thereof held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

In Witness hereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed the seal of the  
City of Bellflower, California, this 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 2016.

  
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**Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk**  
**City of Bellflower, California**